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TOPIC Dessau Airfield

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REMARKS

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- ☐ 1. On 16 November 1950 the Dessau (M 52/R 06) airfield was occupied by about 25 jet fighters, three conventional fighters, and one biplane.* Between 2:30 and 4:30^{pm} about ten jet fighters made local flights at an altitude of 1,000 meters in good visibility and 6/10 clouds. The take-off run varied between 600 and 900 meters.
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- ☐ 2. The two barracks south of the field were occupied by about 300 men. A damaged building on the eastern edge of the field seemed to be used as quarters by about 100 men because there was much activity there.
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- ☐ 3. On 21 November about 25 to 30 silver colored jet aircraft with swept-back wings, and two biplanes were parked on the eastern edge of the field. * There was no flying between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. The buildings of the former Otto Mader Plant south of the field were used as billets.
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- ☐ 4. A truck with a box-like superstructure and an antenna mast 10 to 12 meters high and braced on all sides were side by side on the north-eastern edge of the field. ** A temporary building with a tower about 2 meters high was on the southern edge of the field. *** At the side of the temporary building was a truck with a box-like superstructure which had one antenna rod on top of the front section, and two antenna rods, each 3 to 4 meters high on the rear section. No other radio installations were seen. There were no AA gun emplacements at the field.
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- ☐ 5. On 23 November, 19 jet fighters with swept-back wings, nine fighters with radial engines, and four biplanes were seen at the field. * The biplanes and conventional fighters made individual flights. The crews of the biplanes changed after each landing.
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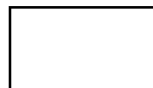
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6. A radio truck with an 8-meter rod antenna was at the take-off point and another radio truck with a metal rod about 12 meters high beside it were in the northeastern corner of the field. ** Two buildings of the former Junkers Plant, located south of the field, were used as billets. A temporary repair shop was established on the eastern edge of the field.
7. On 28 November, seven jet fighters with swept-back wings were standing near the temporary building on the southern edge of the field. Shortly before dusk, the planes were prepared for take-off, apparently for night flights. Two radio trucks, one with an antenna rod at both rear corners of the superstructure and a third antenna rod about 6 meters long at the front edge of the superstructure, were standing at the side of the temporary building.

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* Comment. The type of the aircraft indicate that the occupation of the field has not changed. One fighter regiment, equipped with about 30 Mig-15s and an unknown number of conventional LA-9 fighters, is still believed to be stationed at the field.

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** Comment. The antenna mast was reported in the same place in October 1950. .

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*** Comment. This is probably a control tower.

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